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ADJUTANT GENERAL JASPER N. REECE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Springfield, Ill., April 8.—Adjutant General Jasper N. Reece died at his home on South Seventh street in this city this morning at 1:30 o'clock. He suffered from paralysis and has been confined to his room since early in January.

Early this year he went to New Mexico with his daughter, Cora, who is in poor health. General Reece expected to remain there until spring, but the climate did not agree with him and he returned within a few days. Since that time he has been out of his house only once. His serious condition has been kept from the public on account of the effect the information might have upon his daughter, who is still in New Mexico.

Adjutant General Reece suffered his first stroke of paralysis in the course of the annual encampment of the Illinois National Guard, in the summer of 1890. He was then in a serious condition for weeks, but recovered sufficiently to resume his official duties. Since that time he has suffered two or three slight strokes, which kept him in a constantly enfeebled condition.

Sketch of Noted Illinoisian.
Jasper N. Reece was a native of Illinois, born at Abingdon, Knox County, April 29, 1841. He was a son of David and Priscilla (Nichols) Reece. His father was a native of England, but came to America when 16 years old. Jasper N. Reece received his early education in the common schools and

at Hadding College, of which he was one of the first students. He was barely 20 years old when the Civil War began, but he enlisted as a private and served his time out. After leaving the army he gave his attention for some time to farming and mercantile pursuits near Monmouth. In 1871 he was elected first assistant clerk of the House of Representatives. In 1873 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State under Secretary George H. Harlow. In 1877 he became Assistant Adjutant General of the Second Brigade, Illinois National Guard, General E. N. Bates being his commanding officer.

In this capacity he was in charge of the militia during the bloody riots at East St. Louis in July of that year, and acquitted himself so well that he was soon after made Brigadier General in command of the Second Brigade. In 1881-82 he was chief clerk in the United States Marshall's office, and was private secretary to Governor John M. Hamilton during his administration. He was again in command of the State troops during the railroad riots of 1888. He was appointed Adjutant General by Governor E. N. Bates in 1887, and when Governor Yates succeeded Tanner General Reece was again reappointed.

General Reece was married in 1861 at Abingdon to Miss Mary J. Allen, and she, with three of their six children, survives him. The children living are Edward A. Reece, Roy Reece, a business man of this city, and Miss Cora Reece.

SCOPE OF JUBILEE IS INTERNATIONAL

New York Chamber of Commerce Hopes to Entertain Noted European Nobles.

GERMAN EMPEROR MAY COME.

Visit From the Kaiser Next Fall Not Regarded Improbable—Invitation to Prince of Wales—France to Attend.

The Republic Bureau.
New York, April 7.—The proposed visit of the Prince of Wales to this city next fall will be only one feature of the opening of the new Dorset Marble building of the Chamber of Commerce. It is not at all improbable that the German Emperor will pay a visit.

The Chamber of Commerce is guarding jealously its plans for the celebration of its opening, and while those in a position to speak of the magnitude of the celebration will not discuss it, it has been learned that leading representatives of the different Governments, as well as delegates from all the commercial bodies in the world, have been invited, and several acceptances have already been received.

The London Chamber of Commerce will send a large committee and the Chamber of Commerce of Berlin will also be represented. During the recent visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to this country, his Royal Highness was urged to return to take part in the opening of the building, and to suggest to his brother, the Emperor, that he take advantage of this occasion to visit America. The Prince took kindly to the suggestion, but, of course, would not commit himself. The heartiness of his welcome, however, is well calculated to result in a return visit or to inspire the Kaiser to pay a personal call.

France has signified her intention to be represented by several of her eminent citizens and men of commerce. The idea of this great international jubilee of commerce has been taking shape ever since a delegation of the New York chamber was entertained in London last year by King Edward.

Many of the most prominent men in New York, including J. Pierpont Morgan, have become interested in the matter, and if the plans are successful, New York will next fall enjoy an extraordinary international spectacle. It is said that the real purpose of Mr. Morgan's present visit to Europe has to do with the opening of the new chamber, and he is said to carry invitations to royalty.

The affair will have a larger significance than the mere opening of a new building. It will be new proof of the power of the United States among the nations of the world, a new demonstration of the power of New York as one of the two greatest markets in the world.

The recent action of the chamber in admitting a number of representative men from other cities of the country, including former Governor David R. Francis and Adolphus Busch of St. Louis, is taken to mean that the chamber means to nationalize itself and be representative of the commerce not only of New York, but of the country.

NONINTERVENTION FOR BRITISH SUPPORT?

Dutch Prime Minister Says America's Hands Are Tied in South Africa.

BELIEVES IN SECRET TREATY.

Says Assurance of British Support During Spanish War Were Bartered for Neutrality in Boer Conflict.

Repub. Special.
Berlin, April 7.—Doctor Kuyper, Premier of the Netherlands, before leaving this city today, frankly suggested that assurance of British support during the Spanish War were the price of America's nonintervention in South Africa. The Dutch Prime Minister asserts that the visit paid to the United States by Mr. Chamberlain, British Colonial Secretary, before the outbreak of hostilities with Spain was to ascertain the attitude of the Washington Government toward the Boer cause.

"America's position is anomalous," said Doctor Kuyper. "The hearts of your people unquestionably beat in full sympathy with the Boers and yet the Government at Washington is immovable. Notwithstanding ministerial assurances that England would never have provoked that ultimatum unless fairly certain of international neutrality."

"When the trouble over Cuba came, I cannot believe that America would have faced the war that ensued if she had not been assured that the navies of Europe would be kept at bay while she proceeded to riddle the decrepit fleets of Spain. Mr. Chamberlain's family ties may have taken him to the United States at a time when both Nations contemplated war, but perhaps they were not so current as to prevent the transaction of official business at the same time."

"I do not mean to say that Mr. Chamberlain gave or received assurances on that occasion, but the question as to whether or not he did not, is both grave and suggestive in the light of recent history. Perhaps the Russian occupation of Port Arthur surprised the Ministers as the result of a similar species of barter."

HAS THE CITY LOST SEVERAL MILLIONS?

Reports of False Returns to Assessor on Personal Property Reach Circuit Attorney.

GRAND JURY MAY INVESTIGATE.

Judge Robert E. Rombauer, Board of Equalization's Vice President, Says Complaints Have Been Made.

It is probable that the matter of false returns on all but real property to the Assessor's office will be made the subject of an investigation by the April Grand Jury. The matter has been brought before the Circuit Attorney in an unusual manner, and if his personal investigation justifies he will report the matter to the Grand Jury.

Circuit Attorney Folk said last night: "I have received unofficial information of false returns on personal property to the Assessor's office, involving several million dollars, and I shall look into the truth of these reports and then if the evidence justifies it will bring the matter before the April Grand Jury."

For some time, it is said, there has been constant complaint of false returns on property not classified as real property, such as stocks, bonds, jewelry and everything commonly called personal property. These complaints have from time to time been brought to the attention of city officials and the Board of Equalization.

The total value of personal property by the 1901 assessment was \$2,700,000.

Judge Robert E. Rombauer, vice president of the local Board of Equalization, said last night: "Several complaints have been brought to my attention regarding false returns to the Assessor's office, and I shall do everything in my power to aid in bringing those guilty of making these returns to justice."

Making a false return to the Assessor is a felony and is punishable by imprisonment in the Penitentiary. The Assessor himself classifies real property and fixes a valuation, on which basis the taxes are paid, but for personal property the taxpayer is expected to make a truthful return.

FORMER COUNCILMAN KRATZ A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

Fails to Appear for Trial on Indictment for Bribery, and His Bond of \$20,000 Is Declared Forfeited—Reward of \$800 for His Arrest—Believed to Have Joined John K. Murrell in Mexico.

APRIL GRAND JURY INSTRUCTED TO PROBE BRIBERY CHARGES.



CHARLES KRATZ.
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Judge Thomas B. Harvey, Kratz's senior counsel, and his associate, Thomas T. Fauntleroy, made statements to the Court respecting their knowledge of their client's whereabouts. Mr. Harvey said he had not seen Kratz since March 27, and Mr. Fauntleroy said he had last seen him in his office on Thursday, March 27.

Circuit Attorney Folk is satisfied that Kratz has left the city. He believes he departed last Thursday night, and that he is now either in Mexico or has taken passage on a steamer at New Orleans bound for Europe, on route to his home in Switzerland. He has officers instructed to watch every port of departure from the United States in the hope of apprehending him before he has a chance to leave.

The men against whom indictments were returned Saturday appeared in court yesterday and gave increased bonds to guarantee their appearance for trial, with the exception of Robert M. Snyder of Kansas City, who, it is said, will appear to-day or tomorrow. Butler gave bond for \$10,000 on each of the two indictments, and John H. Becker's bond was fixed at the same amount. George J. Kobsch gave \$20,000 bond.

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BEST PAID MAIL CARRIER IN WORLD GETS \$35,000 A YEAR.

Makes Two Trips a Month Between Valdez and Eagle, in Alaska, a Distance of 413 Miles—He Has Fallen Down Precipices, Got Mixed in Avalanches, Has Been Starved, Frost Bitten, Frozen and Injured, but Got the Mails Through All Right.

The Republic Bureau.
Washington, April 7.—Oscar Fish of Valdez, Alaska, who was recently awarded for another period of four years the contract for carrying the United States mails from Valdez to Eagle, is the best paid mail carrier in the world. In accordance with his contract with the Government he receives \$25,000 a year for making two trips a month between the points named, a distance of about 413 miles, or nearly 11,000 for each trip.

The mail carried is limited to 300 pounds and consists generally of letters only, newspapers and the more bulky articles being carried, however, when the mail is unusually light.

Post Office Department officials say, however, that the sum paid to Fish is very reasonable when it is considered that Fish makes his trips by dog sled and that he has the most dangerous route of any mail carrier in the world.

His twenty-four trips a year keep him busy most of the time, and he practically takes his life in his hands every time he starts out on his solitary journey.

Fish has the finest team of dogs in that far northern country, and some of his trips are made in record time. He has been given over for many times by residents of Valdez and Eagle, but so far has always managed to reach the end of his journey, although sometimes overdue and occasionally very much battered up.

He has fallen down precipices, got mixed up in avalanches, has been starved, frost bitten, frozen and injured, but is still drawing his \$25,000 a year from the Government and says he expects to continue making his adventurous trips until "snowed under."

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SLAIN BY BRITISH

General Delarey Tells Oom Paul Kruger Many Instances of Cruelty in Transvaal.

Amsterdam, April 7.—General Delarey, the captor of General Lord Methuen, has forwarded to Oom Paul Kruger a report in which the British are set forth as pitiless murderers and persecutors of defenseless women.

The papers recite specific cases and are accompanied by affidavits. According to the Boer leader, neither age nor sex, nor even wounds, have offered barriers to the cruelties of officers and soldiers of the British Army.

Stress is laid on the charge that the British used a band of devoted women as a screen to protect them from bullets from the rifles of their husbands and sons. Other incidents are related, some of which are almost incredible.

Mrs. Vandermerwe was shot through the head, the General says, while sitting in her home in Groenfontein, and the house was burned. Mrs. Brits was killed while she was driving with the late Rand Mines-

Commissioner Vandermerwe, and Miss Sonckens met death at Swellendam. The deaths of Mrs. Fourie and Miss Diedericks are also cited.

Delarey's Wife Mistreated.
In regard to the treatment of his own family, General Delarey also has complaints to make. The General's wife, according to his report, has been persecuted by General Lord Methuen's orders for the past twelve months and is now wandering about the veldt with her six children. Delarey's mother, 85 years of age, he claims, has been driven from Klerksdorp, after being robbed of all her cattle and her house burned.

The cases of prisoners described as murdered took place in July, August and September of last year. Among them are Commandant Boshoff, who was wounded at Senous River and afterward, the General says, stabbed to death. Frederick and Louis Roux were shot in Johannesburg after their capture in Roukloof. The affidavits are signed by Ignatius Ferreira, Acting Secretary of State, and Attorney Lichtenburg.

Liverpool, April 7.—A former trooper of the Bushveldt Carabniers, who has returned here, is quoted as saying that the convicted Australian officers belonging to that corps, since disbanded, murdered from thirty-five to forty persons.

As an instance of their cold-bloodedness, the trooper relates how two Dutch boys, 12 and 13 years of age, respectively, and their sister, arrived at the Carabniers' camp to surrender. In order to obtain food the girl and one of the boys were wounded. The uninjured boy took his little brother on his back and was carrying him off when a second shot killed both boys. The girl died shortly afterwards.

WALKS INTO TRAP HE HAD SET FOR BURGLAR

Daniel Kramer Is Shot by Revolver He Had Connected Automatically With Closet Door.

Daniel Kramer of No. 147 North Broadway, was caught in his own burglar trap last night and is at the City Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in his lung that probably will prove fatal.

Kramer was robbed Sunday night and he was determined that it should not be repeated. He kept his money in a tin box in a closet in his room. He placed a revolver over the box, fastening a string to the trigger and the end of that to the closet door.

When the door was opened the revolver would be fired and the intruder shot.

Returning to his room last night he forgot his burglar trap and opening the door the revolver went off and the bullet struck him in the breast. He staggered into the hall and friends summoned an ambulance and sent him to the City Hospital where his condition was found to be too serious to admit of an operation.

Kramer says that while away from his room Sunday night some one entered it and took \$25 from the closet. He then conceived the idea of a burglar trap, but had it so arranged that he could disconnect the revolver, which he forgot to do.

FIRE AT MUSIC DIRECTOR.

William Madden of Century Orchestra Has Narrow Escape.

William Madden of No. 423 Russell avenue, leader of the orchestra at the Century Theater, about 12 o'clock last night while walking through the alley west of the theater was fired upon by a mysterious assailant.

The bullet passed through Mr. Madden's hat without inflicting any injury. The assailant escaped without being recognized by Mr. Madden.

The assault occurred shortly after Mr. Madden's leaving a saloon west of the Century Theater.

CORPSES FOUND IN STATION AFTER WAIT OF TEN YEARS.

Left in Charge of Agent by a California Rancher, Who Soon Afterwards Disappeared.

San Francisco, Cal., April 7.—A Gilroy, Cal., dispatch to the Bulletin says that the bodies of a man and a woman were discovered in the railroad station at that place yesterday, when a box which had lain in the station for ten years was opened. There are no marks by which the bodies can be identified.

The box was left with the station agent by a rancher named Jamison, who told the agent that he would send for it. The rancher disappeared shortly afterwards and nothing has been heard of him since. It is presumed that a double murder was committed.

DOCTOR CHINN WAS INDORSED.

Dates Fixed for Selecting Delegates to Various Conventions.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Columbia, Mo., April 7.—The Boone County Democratic Central Committee, Judge John A. Stewart, chairman, and W. H. Thompson, secretary, met in Columbia today. It was agreed that township conventions should be held on Saturday June 28, with the following Monday for a general county convention. The latter selects delegates to the State and Judicial conventions. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "Resolved—That we hereby endorse the action of Doctor E. H. Chinn in standing by the principles of the Kansas City platform as a member of the State Democratic Central Committee, and."

"Resolved—That we recommend his reelection as a member of the State Democratic Central Committee from the Eighth Congressional District."

The advisability of hastening the matter of declaring for United States Senator was discussed, but the committee desired to allow the date for voting on that office to remain May 31.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 5:26 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:23.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Fair and warmer.

For Missouri—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, cloudy; cooler in west.

For Illinois—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday cloudy and warmer.

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5. News of the Churches.

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Colorado Bank Robbed of \$11,000.

Hackenschack School Again Takes Honors.

Supreme Court Overrules Colorado's Demurrer.

To Observe Old Home Week.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI NORMAL BURNED.

State Institution at Cape Girardeau Destroyed Early This Morning.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Cape Girardeau, Mo., April 8.—The Southeast Missouri Normal School building was destroyed by fire early this morning.

It seemed to have started in the center of the building and at 1 a. m. was nearly all destroyed.

Flames were first discovered at 11:45 p. m., but the fire department were helpless. The building was all in flames before the fire was discovered.

The enrollment at the building was \$3,000. At this date is nearly 300 students, but as there is no dormitory connected with the school building no lives were lost.

The loss is estimated to be about \$100,000. The faculty will meet with the students at the Courthouse at 9 a. m. and make arrangements for some quarters for the balance of the school term.

TREATY GAINS GROUND, BUT PLEBISCITE IS EXPECTED.

Opposition in Denmark Makes Strenuous Efforts to Defeat Sale of West Indies.

Copenhagen, April 7.—Two more secret meetings of the Landsting were held today to discuss the Danish West Indies treaty.

The opposition made a motion to order that a plebiscite be taken before and not after the ratification of the treaty. This motion will not be accepted, but it caused the postponement of the vote to the next meeting of the house, which undoubtedly will be the last one.

A reliable forecast indicates that the Landsting will vote for the ratification of the treaty and a plebiscite subject to this action.

Herr von Foesen, who was sent to the Danish West Indies in 1901 by the National Tidende to stir up opposition to the proposed sale to the United States, has returned with glowing accounts of the success of his mission. To-day he published an article in the National Tidende, in which he declares that influences have been at work in the islands which would render a plebiscite at this time worthless to Denmark, as the vote of the inhabitants of the islands would result in favor of the sale.

Therefore he asks the Landsting to reject the treaty outright. This is believed to show the desperate straits of the opposition.

GOV. DAVIS HAS REMOVED WHITTAKER FROM FAIR BOARD.

Mayor of Hot Springs Appointed—Short and Sharp Letter of Removal.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Little Rock, Ark., April 7.—Governor Davis to-night announced the appointment of Mayor George R. Belding of Hot Springs as a member of the Arkansas World's Fair Commission, vice J. J. Whittaker of Pine Bluff, removed. In a letter addressed to Colonel Whittaker, the Governor says:

"An honest desire to promote the wholesome and splendid purposes to be accomplished by the participation of Arkansas in the Exposition to be held at St. Louis, prompts me to revoke my action appointing you, and I, as Governor, in the exercise of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, hereby revoke and cancel your said appointment as a member of the Board of Directors aforesaid, and divest you of all power and authority incident thereto. This, your removal, to take effect from this day."

Colonel Whittaker is president of the Commission. His successor is the present Mayor of Hot Springs, a young man of great energy and ability.

Judge Robnett Appointed.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Ardmore, I. T., April 7.—Judge T. N. Robnett of Paulsboro, N. J., was today appointed United States Commissioner at Ardmore to succeed the late Judge S. B. Bradford, who died last week of apoplexy.

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Kratz's failure to appear created no surprise.

The fact that he was contemplating flight from the city was rumored more than a week ago, and it was current gossip last Tuesday that he had arranged his business affairs so that he could take his departure at any time.

This news came to the ears of the Circuit Attorney, and he sought the aid of the police to prevent the contemplated flight. The police were unable to get a line on Kratz when this request was made of them and it is not known positively when Kratz left the city, although Mr. Folk says he is assured that he fled Thursday night.

No one has yet been found among Kratz's friends or other interested in his case who will acknowledge that they saw or communicated with him since Monday, March 11.

It is learned through reliable sources, however, that Kratz is now safe on soil where he is not extraditable, and that he had sufficient start of the authorities to preclude a possibility of his detention en route to his destination. Mr. Folk shares the general belief that Kratz is in Mexico, whither William Ritter and John K. Murrell, ex-Delegates, have preceded him. His final destination, if he decides to leave Mexican soil, is problematical. His friends assert that he will not attempt to go to Switzerland, but all agree that Murrell will accompany him until the term of Circuit Attorney Folk expires, January 1, 1903.

Kratz, it is said, was reluctant to leave the city, where all his interests are centered, but he was impelled to this action, not alone by a desire to escape the ignominy and imprisonment which he feared as the result of his trial, but by the urging of political friends and business associates whose interests would be endangered by the revelations which they feared would result from the trial.

The ex-Councilman's departure was made more bitter by reason of the fact that he had been cajoled by thoughtless advisers into giving an increased bond of \$20,000, while he could have escaped with a forfeiture of \$5,000. Under the provisions of the law the court could not have compelled him to provide the increased bond until April 7, and if he had not acted so hastily two weeks ago and his bondsman would be \$15,000 richer to-day.

FRIEND SAYS KRATZ HAD PLANNED TO JUMP.
"I don't blame Kratz for being sore when he gave that \$20,000 bond," said one of his friends yesterday. "There was a clear waste of \$15,000. It was like throwing it into the sewer, and Charley realized it, and that's what he had in mind when he got back at the City Attorney, when he said it was an insult to him to increase the bond. Kratz was contemplating jumping long before Murrell skipped out, but he hadn't his plans perfected. He had been down South, you remember, returning the day Murrell jumped. He had been down looking over the ground, getting information in advance. He didn't expect Murrell would have to skip out so soon, as he did, and before he could follow suit he was caught for the extra \$15,000 bond. Ever

since then he has been quietly 'preparing to skip. He had the counsel of Murrell's friends to aid him in his escape, and he knew exactly what steps the authorities would take in the event of his escape. He knew that a St. Louis Deputy Sheriff was stationed at El Paso, Tex., and in order to avoid running against this official he shaped his course to enter Mexico by another route."

KRATZ'S COUNSEL MAKE STATEMENTS TO COURT.
Judge Ryan's courtroom was well crowded yesterday when the case of Kratz was called. Attorneys Thomas B. Harvey and Thomas T. Fauntleroy, representing the defendant, were present. Circuit Attorney Folk, C. Orrick Bishop and A. C. Maroney were on hand for the State.

Kratz was nowhere to be seen. When the State announced ready for trial Judge Ryan instructed the bailiff to call the defendant. Kratz failed to answer, and at the suggestion of the Circuit Attorney the Court instructed the bailiff to call him on his bond. Gottlieb Eyermaier, Jr., who is his surety, was called three times, but he also failed to respond.

After a proper interval Judge Ryan asked: "Has counsel for the defendant anything to say in regard to his nonappearance?" Attorney Harvey replied: "As one of the defendant's counsel I want to say I have not the slightest information as to why he is absent or where he is. In order that the Court may thoroughly understand my position, I wish further to state that the defendant is not absent with the connivance, consent or knowledge of his counsel. I have not seen nor communicated with him since March 27, when his case was last continued in this court. A week later I went to Mountain Valley, Ark., where I remained two weeks, returning last Monday. My associate, Mr. Fauntleroy, had made an en-